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#### **Adopt-A-Beach volunteers win national award**

Texas beach cleanup earns Take Pride in America accolade for corporate sponsored event

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AUSTIN — The Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program does more than any other volunteer program in the nation to take care of public lands, according to the U.S. Department of Interior.

Adopt-A-Beach will be recognized with the Take Pride in America Award for top corporate-sponsored event Oct. 11 in Washington, D.C. It is the third time the program has won the prize.

"Adopt-A-Beach volunteers work hard and really make a difference, from cleaning up trash that's deadly to fish and birds to improving Texas tourism," said Renee Tuggle, Adopt-A-Beach coordinator. "I can't think of any other effort that even comes close to the real world change this program and its volunteers bring about."

Texans may get involved by helping out with the Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup Saturday, Sept. 22 all along the Texas coast. Adopt-A-Beach volunteers can register on-line at [www.TexasAdoptABeach.org](http://www.TexasAdoptABeach.org) or at any of 28 check-in sites all along the Texas coast between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Sept. 22.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, it has grown into one of the most successful all-volunteer efforts in the nation. In 26 years, 430,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up more than 8,300 tons of trash from the Texas Gulf Coast.

Shell Oil Company is the lead sponsor for the 26th Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup. Other sponsors include Apache Corporation, AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry LLC, Cheniere Energy, Halliburton and the Ocean Conservancy.

For more information about how you can get involved, call 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our Web site at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org).

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